

Missouri Charter Public School Commission
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
9 a.m. Conference Call

Draft Minutes

Call to Order – 9:02 a.m. In attendance were Peggy Taylor, Alicia Herald, Delbert Scott, Susan Cole, John Wright, Robbyn Wahby; Deborah Curtis joined the call at 9:06 a.m.

The motion to approve of agenda was made by John Wright, second by Peggy Taylor and unanimously approved (prior to Deborah Curtis' arrival.)

The motion to approval of minutes from April meeting, with a correction (to add the names of the potential applicants who supplied the Letters of Intent) was made by Peggy Taylor, second by Delbert Scott and unanimously approved (prior to Deborah Curtis' arrival.)

Alicia Herald presented for consideration policies covering Commission Meetings and Sponsorship, which were first presented at the April 13, 2016 meeting. After a brief discussion, Delbert Scott moved to approve, second by Peggy Taylor and adopted unanimously.

Alicia Herald spoke to the fact that they have had staff for a year and it was time to consider an evaluation process. She asked Robbyn Wahby to find out how other sponsors/Commissions evaluated their Executive Directors. Delbert moved and Susan Cole seconded the motion to ask Robbyn to prepare a memo to board from the Executive Director outlining the year (wins and missed opportunities), how the Commission and the Executive Director met its goals, and proposed goals for the following year. The Commission would also reach out to peers, such as the Department and the Association for feedback on the Commission and the Director. The Commissioners would review the memo and the peer feedback and prepare a response, including on the next year's goals. Peggy Taylor commented that this was similar to how the Board of Education in Nixa reviewed their superintendent and it was helpful to the board in knowing how the district was doing internal and in the community. The motion passed unanimously. Alicia Herald asked Robbyn Wahby to supply a list of potential peers who can be asked to provide feedback. The Commission would like to have the evaluation completed by the end of July. The goals will help prepare the FY18 budget in August.

Deborah Curtis moved approval of the April and May Financial Reports, second John Wright and passed unanimously.

Robbyn reviewed the Year-To-Date financial spreadsheet and reported the website invoice has been reduced to match the bid. In addition to purchasing a few supplies, over the next three weeks, three contracts intend to be completed: Real estate market analysis;

Community engagement in St. Louis; and Advisory Board training.

Robbyn Wahby informed the Commission that the \$2 million to assist the Commission in acquiring property for the use by a high-performing charter school was approved in the FY17 budget and the budget was signed by the Governor. She cautioned that it may be withheld by the Governor, but the Commission will not know if that is the case until late July. Delbert asked if this appropriation was tied to any specific building. It is not.

Of the 2017-18 Letters of Intent received by the Commission, NEAT, LCA, YMLAKC (all three Kansas City) and Fisher (Normandy) have supplied applications. Those applications will be made available to all Commissioners who wish to read. External reviewers are being identified.

A new LOI was received for a school in Normandy for the 2017-18 school year. It is anticipated that Kairos (and LOI for St. Louis) will provide an application for the 2017-18 year as well.

Lift for Life Academy, an existing charter school has submitted a Letter of Intent and Prospectus to move to the Commission and expand their school from a 6-12 to a Pk-12. Robbyn Wahby and Susan Cole described the school's model and why this grade configuration would impact student outcomes. Deborah asked about if this is school is "sponsor shopping." Susan Cole expressed why this is not and they were not leaving their sponsor as much as joining another more in alignment with the school's philosophy. Peggy Taylor moved to invite LFLA to apply second by John Wright. Voting YES: Peggy Taylor, Delbert Scott, John Wright, Susan Cole, and Alicia Herald. Voting NO: Deborah Curtis. Motion passes.

Robbyn asked if the July Commission meeting could be moved to Kansas City, to hold public hearings. More information will be sent to the Commissioners. Robbyn also spoke to the need for additional names for Advisory Board members in Kansas City and St. Louis.

The joint meeting for of the Commission and the State Board Meeting is June 14, 2016. All the Commissioners will be in attendance, but Deborah Curtis will have to leave right after and will not stay for lunch.

The Pre-Opening Meeting for Citizens of the World is scheduled for June 15, 2016. Robbyn will inform the Commissioner's of the results. The Ribbon Cutting for Citizen's of the World is tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2016. Please continue to hold this date.

At 9:55 a.m. a motion to adjourn and attend a training for Epicenter was made by John Wright, second by Peggy Taylor, passed unanimously.